

THE NORTH-EAST WALES NETBALL LEAGUE
CONSTITUTION

1. Name:

- 1.1. The league shall be known as the North-East Wales Netball League (NEWNL).

2. Objectives:

- 2.1. To promote and improve the standard of netball in the North-East Wales area.
2.2. To support and develop playing opportunities for players of all abilities.
2.3. To raise and maintain funds for the above objectives.

3. Membership:

- 3.1. All clubs must send a representative to an AGM and league meetings.
3.2. Voting on association proposals are 1 club-1 vote.
3.3. Voting on league proposals are 1 club-1 vote however if a vote is division specific then the vote will be 1 team-1 vote.
3.4. Each affiliated club representative on entering the AGM & other meetings will be asked to sign their name and the club that they are representing.
3.5. Club representatives must be signed into the AGM & other meetings within 10 minutes of the chair commencing the meeting.
3.6. Apologies will not be accepted from clubs without representation.
3.7. Failure to abide by the rules above will result in the club being fined £5 for missing one meeting; £10 for missing 2 meetings and £15 for missing 3 meetings. Persistent non-attendance will result in clubs being excluded from the league.
3.8. If a club has not paid by bac in advance, or brought payment and forms to the Annual League meeting on the first Tuesday of August, they will forfeit their place(s) in the league. The first team on the waiting list will be offered a place in the lowest Division unless prior committee approval.
3.9. New teams entering NEWNL must submit their application form with half of the deposit (by bac) before 30th June (payment can be made after this date if exceptional circumstances are agreed by the committee). Final payment and confirmation will be given at the Annual league meeting on the first Tuesday in August.
3.10. All team players must be affiliated with Wales or England Netball BEFORE playing the first match of the season. It is the clubs' responsibility to ensure their members are affiliated.
3.11. All clubs must complete team registration forms by the 30th September and they must provide a copy of their club members affiliation lists to confirm affiliation by the same date. New players can be added throughout the year as necessary.

4. Fees:

- 4.1. The Executive Committee shall decide annual membership fees each year.

5. Organisation & management:

- 5.1. The Annual General Meeting
 - 5.1.1. The management of the league shall be vested in an Executive committee elected at each AGM & any Special General Meetings.
 - 5.1.2. The AGM will be held annually in May.
 - 5.1.3. The AGM will consider reports and statements of account from the Executive committee and determine the policy of the league for the coming year.
 - 5.1.4. Committee members will be elected/reelected.
 - 5.1.5. All members of the league are entitled to attend the AGM.
 - 5.1.6. Notice of the AGM will be given 28 days in advance.
 - 5.1.7. Items for the agenda must be submitted in writing to the league secretary 14 days in advance of the meeting date.
 - 5.1.8. Confirmation of date, time & place with Annual Reports, Statement of Accounts and agenda items will be passed to team representatives no less than 7 days in advance of the meeting.
 - 5.1.9. Minutes of the AGM will be kept by the secretary.
- 5.2. A Special General Meeting may be convened:
 - 5.2.1. By the Executive Committee providing 7 days notice to clubs. This notice should contain the agenda item(s) to be discussed.
 - 5.2.2. By written request signed by minimum 10 teams, to the League Secretary. The request should contain the proposal(s) to be discussed. The league secretary must call the meeting within 3 weeks of receipt of the request, with 7 days notice being provided to teams/clubs of the meeting date/time/place.
- 5.3. No business other than that contained in the agenda will be discussed.
- 5.4. The opportunity to discuss any points will be available at the end of each meeting under 'Any Other Business', as listed on the agenda and these AOBs must be submitted 14 days in advance of the meeting.
- 5.5. The Executive Committee:
 - 5.5.1. Quorum for meetings: 5 officers including Chair/Vice-Chair.
 - 5.5.2. The Executive Committee shall have power to co-opt 3 additional members and shall be empowered to fill vacancies on the Executive Committee which occur during its term of office.
 - 5.5.3. The minutes of the preceding meeting will be proposed and seconded at the commencement of each meeting. At the first committee meeting after the AGM the minutes of the AGM, although not confirmed, shall receive attention.
- 5.6. In the event of an emergency, a committee meeting must be called.

6. Officers of the League:

- 6.1. (President & Vice President) Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, North-East Wales Schools Representative, Umpiring Secretary, Fixtures Secretary, League Manager.

7. Executive Committee of the League:

- 7.1. Officers of the league.
- 7.2. The following Executives of the league will receive honorary payments, the amounts to be reviewed at each AGM: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Fixtures Secretary, Umpiring Secretary, League Manager.

8. Finance:

- 8.1. The financial year of the league is May 1st until April 30th.
- 8.2. The general funds of the league will be administered by the Treasurer under the instruction of the Executive Committee.
- 8.3. All cheques and bank mandates of the League's funds will be signed by the Treasurer and another authorised league representative.
- 8.4. The accounts of the league will be externally audited.
- 8.5. All property of the league shall be vested in the Executive Committee of the league as Trustees.

9. Administration:

- 9.1. The committee is responsible for:
 - 9.1.1. The general administration and financial control of the league.
 - 9.1.2. Overseeing the conduct of League members.
 - 9.1.3. Formulating and administering a procedure for dealing with disputes.
 - 9.1.4. All matters concerning the administration of the league not covered in the constitution will be left to the discretion of the Executive Committee.

10. Trophies:

- 10.1. All Divisional winners & runners up as well as 'Player of Season' trophies will be awarded annually and won outright.

11. Amendment of the Constitution:

- 11.1. The constitution shall not be altered or amended except by a majority vote of two thirds of the club representatives present and voting at an AGM of the league or at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose.

12. Distribution of the Constitution

- 12.1. A copy of the constitution shall be on the website which is available to all league members.

DISSOLUTION OF THE LEAGUE

In the event of the league being dissolved, a Special General Meeting will be convened. Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities will be dealt with in a manner to be determined by the resolution of the meeting so as to promote the objectives of the league. If there is a deficit, the meeting shall decide how it shall be met.